

# Dallas County

County Seat: Buffalo

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Composite  
Rank

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2018

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2022

Population: 16,841

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,106	1,430	29.3%	35.5%	↓	15.5%	113
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	960	670	24.5%	17.1%	↑	15.1%	62
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	80	91	7.9%	8.3%	↓	8.7%	67
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>c</sup>	26	16	6.8	3.9	↑	7.1	15
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	5	4	1.3	1	↑	6.2	13
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	19	9	40.6	17	↑	18.8	36
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	36	12	9.4	2.9	↑	3.2	35
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	87	119	87%	96.7%	↑	91.3%	21
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,d</sup>							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)							
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)							
4th grade math (MAP)							
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)							

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

<sup>a</sup> Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

<sup>b</sup> Data based on 2015 and 2019.

<sup>c</sup> Data based on five-year time spans, 2011-2015 and 2016-2020.

<sup>d</sup> Due to the COVID pandemic, MAP tests were suspended in 2020, and proficiency reports were not issued for the 2019-2020 school year.

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## Contextual Indicators

### Demographics

Total population	2016	16,448
	2020	16,841
Child population under 18	2016	3,834
	2020	4,101
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	23.3%
	2020	23.8%
Child population under 6	2016	1,205
	2020	1,366
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	7.3%
	2020	7.9%
Minority child population under 18	2016	232
	2020	256
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	6.1%
	2020	6.2%
Minority child population under 6	2016	95
	2020	92
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	7.9%
	2020	6.7%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	25.1%
	2016-2020	24.7%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	74.8%
	2016-2020	68.9%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	19%
	2020	31.4%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	29.4%
	2016-2020	30.3%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	27.5%
	2016-2020	24.5%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	64.3%
	2016-2020	50.7%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	35.3%
	2020	30.4%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$35,762
	2016-2020	\$50,833
Adult unemployment	2016	5.5%
	2020	5.9%
Child homelessness	2016	2.9%
	2020	2.5%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	77.7
	2021	53.2
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	0%
	2021	—%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	94.8%
	2020	93.7%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	94.2
	2016-2020	36.6
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	9.25%
	2016-2020	7.08%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	17.3
	2020	17.5
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	2.1%
	2020	—%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	6
	2020	5.4

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	2
	2016-2020	18.3
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	51
	2016-2020	41.4
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	30.9
	2016-2020	26
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	144.5
	2016-2020	90.1
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2011-2015	33.3%
	2016-2020	0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2010-2014	13.7
	2015-2019	16.2
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	97.6
	2015-2019	90
Uninsured children	2015	9.5%
	2019	9.8%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	94.7%
	2020	93.6%

<sup>a</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

<sup>b</sup> \*Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); \*\* indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).